

Vegetable Market and Value Chain Development Strategic Investment Advisory Panel meeting summary

Date: 23 May 2018

Attendance: Emma Germano, Jim Trandos, Kees Versteeg, Kelvin Free, Nick Macleod, Maureen Dobra, Michael Coote, Michael Vorassi, Michael Nixon, Sam Turner (Hort Innovation), Tim Archibald (Hort Innovation), Jane Wightman (Hort Innovation), Jenny Van de Meeberg (Hort Innovation), Bob Granger (Chair)

Location: Sofitel, Chifley Square, Sydney

Next Meeting: 18 Jun 2018

Overview

Hort Innovation convened a meeting of the Market and Value Chain Development Strategic Investment Advisory Panel (SIAP) in Sydney.

The key purpose of this meeting was to:

- Review current vegetable fund financials and levy forecast
- Provide an overview of the current investment program
- Review, and advise on the next steps for the vegetable fund and review concepts received by Hort Innovation.

The panel was given an update on the progression of the actions and recommendations arising from the previous SIAP minutes and an overview of the current vegetable fund financial position.

The panel then discussed the current food safety investment requirements for the vegetable industry which was followed by a cost benefit analysis overview from Hort Innovation.

The SIAP was then given an overview of projects managed under the Consumer Alignment panel.

The panel was asked to advise Hort Innovation on a number of concepts relating to export and trade.

The SIAP reviewed the impact assessment of the previous Strategic Investment Plan (SIP). This impact assessment then lead into a session presenting the current SIP and an analysis of the alignment of the current vegetable portfolio against the new vegetable SIP.

Anyone seeking further information on Hort Innovation's vegetable R&D investments should note that a full list of projects, together with an overview of the program financials will be available on the vegetable webpage of the Hort Innovation website.

Next steps

Hort Innovation, in collaboration with the vegetable SIAPs, will continue to align investments with the new vegetable SIP and will continue to identify program efficiencies.

The next SIAP meeting will be held on 18 June at Hort Connections in Brisbane.

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